

REFUSE SPAIN'S OFFER.

Insurgents Will Not Accept Autonomy.

RECEIVE DELEGATES CORDIALLY.

But Will Not Consider Any Proposition Not Tending to Independence.

HAVANA, March 10.—George A. Guire, an American, has been transferred from Havana to the city jail upon his own request.

The insurgents emptied the parson of the village of Las Palmas in the province of Pinar del Rio, racking the stores, burning thirty-one houses and parading through the town. The commander of the insurgents has been specially active in the Matanzas district. The plantations of Pinaro, Sula, Dos Amigos and Salvador have been burned. The losses are about \$35,000,000.

In Pinar del Rio the rebels detailed a pilot train on the western road between Havana and Pinar del Rio, completely destroying the engine and an ironclad car. The engineer and a number of soldiers were seriously injured. Frederick Jova and three others, owners of the plantation, joined the insurgents in raiding Cuban villages in the Sagua district.

The insurgent forces in the district of Sancti Spiritus are especially active. This is due to Captain General Weyler having ordered all the Spanish forces to take the field.

The city is empty of troops and is guarded by volunteers. The residents are daily fearing that the insurgents will invade the city and burn the houses. Communication with the coast has been cut off. The correspondent of the Associated Press states that he has been able to make his way to the camp of the insurgents at Rio Hondo, and that he has seen General Rivera. While there the arrival of two Havana gentlemen accompanied by a guide from the Spanish lines was announced. They bore passes introducing them as Gonzales Jory, a lawyer, and Mariano Juncos, and describing them as delegates appointed by the Spanish government to make propositions of peace on the basis of reforms to be given the island.

General Rivera received them cordially, but gave them to understand immediately that he would not hear any proposition of peace not tending to the independence of Cuba, and that therefore he could only consider them as visitors to the camp.

During the conversation, at which the correspondent of the Associated Press was present, General Rivera showed the two delegates the printed order of General Gomez, ordering that all who proposed peace on any other basis than independence, and declared that Gomez would accept no proposition but the independence for which they were fighting.

The Spanish delegates remained three days in Havana's camp. On the day of departure left the camp General Rivera gave them a written order bearing his own signature stating that hereafter all emissaries proposing peace under any scheme of autonomy or local reforms would be shot.

Laucha publishes a dispatch from New York saying that Secretary Sherman has called to General Pittsburg Lee, United States consul general here, requesting him to continue at his post. A personal favor to President McKinley.

The correspondent of the Associated Press has authority for saying that General Lee has not received such a message. The correspondent adds that General Lee has not and will not do so.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 10.—A dispatch to the *Citizen* from Pensacola says the steamer *Hermosa* arrived there yesterday. Captain Murray says that she came for orders. The *Bermuda* on her arrival was searched by an officer of the revenue cutter *Olefax*, but nothing of a filibustering nature was found.

The people of Tallahassee were much surprised to have a party of twenty strange Cubans, none of whom speak English arrive there this morning, with no apparent object in view.

It is supposed they are members of the expedition that was rumored to have been cleared from Apalachicola the other day if the appearance on the scene of the men-of-war had not nipped the project in the bud.

Death of a Pioneer at Modesto. Modesto, March 10.—This morning at 9:30 o'clock Commodore Peter Losh, aged 64 years, a native of Germany, died suddenly of heart disease. He came to California in 1853, and resided in Sacramento, Sonoma and Stockton until 1883, when he moved to Modesto to reside. The funeral will take place at Stockton on Friday afternoon. He was engaged in the wholesale and retail liquor business, and was an orchardist, and was considered one of the best fruit growers in this section.

Attacked by a Bull. SANTA CRUZ, March 10.—Colonel Thomas Slaughter at Skyland, the other day, met with a serious accident. While in a field he accidentally fell, when a bull made a rush for him. As the horns of the bull had been saved off he was not gored, but was handled savagely by the infuriated animal. Two of his ribs were broken and he was considerably bruised. Serious results were feared, but he is now thought to be out of danger.

Harriet A. Barr et al. has brought suit in the superior court against Lillian F. Jett et al. for a partition of the estates of Prettymann Barr and Charles H. Barr, deceased.

UNLAWFUL COMBINATION.

Transportation Companies Summoned by R. R. Commissioners.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—The San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley road and the California Navigation and Improvement Company have been summoned to appear before the Board of Railroad Commissioners to answer a complaint presented by the Union Transportation Company, in which the two first named companies are charged with having entered into an unlawful combination or traffic arrangement, by means of which they are discriminating against the Union Transportation Company and the general public in the matter of freight and passenger rates.

MRS. BECHER'S FUNERAL.

Services to be held in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn.

SEAFORD, Conn., March 10.—A simple service and prayer was held this afternoon over the remains of the late Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher at the residence of her son-in-law, Rev. Samuel Scoville, in this city. Only the nearest relatives and a very few of Mrs. Beecher's most intimate friends were present. After the services the remains were removed to the railroad station and placed aboard a train for New York. Upon its arrival there it will be moved to Brooklyn, where, in Plymouth church, over which Mr. Beecher on long past, the remains will lie in state until 2 o'clock Thursday, when Rev. Lyman Abbott will perform the last rites.

No More Horse Shows.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—The Horse Show Association has closed its office and through its president, Henry Crocker, announced that it would give no further exhibitions in this city until the autumn of the state showed their interest by co-operating in making the show a success. "We are ready at any time to resume," said Mr. Crocker, "that the horse breeders show a willingness to act in concert with us."

STATE LEGISLATURE.

NOTHING DEVELOPED IN THE "EXAMINER" LABEL SUIT.

Governor Budd Vetoes Caminetti's Bill Relating to Disqualification of Judges.

SACRAMENTO, March 10.—Governor Budd vetoed Caminetti's bill relating to the disqualification of judges this afternoon. He said:

"A careful scrutiny of the terms of Bill No. 278 has led me to believe that in its present form it should not become a law. While the bill contains numerous provisions which are of a beneficial character, it is so framed as to require an allegation of facts, not opinions, conclusions or hearsay, yet the provisions contained therein are so framed as to require a modification of the bill. I do not believe that the bill as it is framed is sufficient to cause the disqualification of a judge, which the introduction shows from his statement was not his intention."

ASSEMBLY.

Bulla's "five bulls" street car bill was debated in the assembly by having the ensuing clause stricken out.

The county fee bill was passed. The county fee bill was passed. The county fee bill was passed.

Nothing was developed in the *Examiner* label case in the senate today outside of several wrangles over technical points.

The following bills were passed: Providing for the burial of ex-Union soldiers and sailors; relating to bridges and highways; and the construction of bridges over the San Joaquin river; relating to the filling of accounts of executors and administrators after their death.

Voorhees' bill providing pensions or benefits for the relief of the aged, infirm and disabled persons was passed. The bill, which was introduced by Senator Voorhees, was passed by a vote of 18 to 12.

The senate and assembly have agreed to adjourn sine die on the 20th instant.

A TORNADO SCARE.

ST. LOUIS CITIZENS PREPARE FOR A BIG STORM.

Sensation Caused by the Display of Posters of the "Tornado" Theatrical Company.

St. Louis, March 10.—A theatrical advertising agent started a sensation in St. Louis by causing cardboard cutouts of a man and woman to be placed in the city wherever he could find the space, these cardboard figures bearing in flaming letters the words "Bulletin, bulletin, warning; a tornado is coming."

A large, big black-faced girl like the one used by the theatrical agent, was seen in the city. The condition of the weather was threatening, and when the people saw the cards they became very much alarmed. Soon the police, the weather bureau people and the newspaper editors all went with telephones and private messengers, asking if a tornado was really predicted. The resident portion of the city gathered their families together and prepared for trouble.

Many of the schools on the west and south side closed as soon as word was received of the supposed approaching storm, and the frightened children came home trembling in tears to tell the bad news to their parents. The scare late in the afternoon, when the murky clouds began to disappear, that they could be persuaded to leave them. In the meantime the police were busy leaving down the new-invented placards and assuring the people there was no danger. A cold reception awaited the Tornado Company and its advance agent has suddenly disappeared.

THE POWERS AGREE

To Compel the Retirement of Grecian Troops

BY BLOCKADING THE ISLAND

King George Says Europe is Alarmed Because Events Show Greece Is an Element of Force

LONDON, March 11.—The Athens correspondent of the *Times* learns that when the Hays at Oanea applied to the Greek consulate to have the Musesmus at Candiano, Colonel Vassos demanded a written understanding that the Musesmus should be taken from the island on Christian property, that all Musesmus at Candiano should be taken to Greece in Greek warships and that the foreign admirals should pledge themselves not to hinder such a transfer.

A dispatch to the *Times* from Vienna says that the powers this evening agreed to blockade Oree in order to compel the retirement of the Greek troops from the island. No military preparations will be undertaken. It is said the powers will send troops enough to relieve the foreign marines now in Oree, who will be needed on board the war ships before the blockade begins.

ATLANTA, March 11.—The King of Greece, talking to a number of persons, is quoted as saying, "Europe is alarmed not only on account of the annexation of Oree to Greece, but because events here in the Balkans are in an element of force in the Mediterranean. Our rapidly mobilized fleet created jealousy. I myself ordered the recall of the Hydra and Minimus from Oree waters because I feared our rivals would seize a pretext to destroy two of our first-class ships."

M. Skonizes, the Greek minister of foreign affairs, has called the thanks of the Greek government to the United States for the resolutions of Congress recently adopted by that body. The Greek press recommends that the foreign volunteers should await the formation of a foreign legion before starting for Greece.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

Monthly Statement by the Bureau of Statistics.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The monthly statement of the principal articles of domestic exports for the month of February and for the eight months ending February 28th last, issued by the bureau of statistics, show that during February the exports were as follows: Breadstuffs, \$15,000,000; decrease as compared with January of about \$2,700,000; cotton \$17,700,000, decrease about \$11,250,000; minerals \$4,561,148, increase \$500,000; provisions, including cattle and hogs, \$12,988,311, decrease about \$200,000; provisions, including cattle and hogs, \$12,988,311, decrease about \$200,000.

For the eight months the exports of breadstuffs are given as \$139,957,789 as compared with \$144,221,249 for the same period last year, total \$186,669,731, as compared with \$184,044,628 for the corresponding period last year; minerals \$41,784,305, a comparative gain of about \$600,000; provisions, including cattle and hogs, \$12,988,311, a comparative loss of about \$200,000.

The total exports of these four articles during February amounted to \$49,367,361, a net loss as compared with January of about \$13,000,000.

For the eight months the gains were about \$85,320,000.

POSTAL CLERKS.

Annual Convention to be Held in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—Local postal employees are perfecting their plans for the twenty-second annual convention of the postal clerks, which will meet here next Thursday. Postal inspectors will be present, and the convention will be held at the Hotel McLaughlin, where they will meet the eastern delegates and escort them to this city.

At the opening session of the convention addresses will be delivered by Mayor Thiel, Superintendent of Railroads, and by President Wilson. A program will be given, after the business session, and on the following day the delegates will be guests on a trip around the bay.

On Friday an excursion to Santa Cruz and the big trees will be made, and on Saturday evening a reception will be given at the Baldwin hotel. Business sessions will be sandwiched in between the jangling trips.

Fruit and Grain Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—The following are prices furnished by the San Francisco Fruit Exchange. Jobbing: Apples—Fancy Moorpark, 13c; choice do, 12c; fancy do, 10c; choice do, 8c; standard, 7c; prime, 6c; Peaches—Fancy, 15c; choice, 14c; standard, 13c; prime, 12c; packed in boxes, 12c.

Pears—Fancy halves, 15c; fancy quarters, 14c; choice, 13c; standard, 12c; prime, 11c; Apples—Evaporated, 15c; son dried, 14c.

Plums—Fitted, 14c; unfitted, 13c. Prunes—Fitted, 14c; unfitted, 13c. Nectarines—Fancy 5c, choice 4c, standard 3c.

Fig—Choice white 4c, do black 3c, figs white figs in 10-lb boxes 66c. Raisins—Jobbing prices: In sacks or 50-lb boxes—Four-rown, loose, 5c; six-rown, 4c; seven-rown, 3c; seedless Sultan, 5c; seedless Muscat, 4c.

In 20-lb boxes—Four-rown London layers, \$1.30 per box; clusters, \$1.60; Damascus clusters, \$2.75; Imperial clusters, \$3.52.

GRAIN.

Wheat—Fancy, December, \$1.10; May, \$1.13; June, \$1.15. Corn—Large yellow, \$1.05; Bran—California, \$12.50 per ton.

Oakland Races.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—Weather at Oakland fine; track good. One mile—Coda won, Doctor G. 2, Grandee 3, Time, 1:43.

Four furlongs—Gypswagon won, Ray Salazar 2, Moraga 3, Time, 40.

One mile—Hermatita won, Roscoe 2, Tar and Tartar 3, Time, 1:44.

Five and a half furlongs—Morto won, F. J. McLaughlin 2, Moraga 3, Time, 1:50.

Six furlongs—Morto won, F. J. McLaughlin 2, Moraga 3, Time, 2:00.

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SHERMAN'S PLAN.

Proposition to Spain Regarding Americans in Cuba.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Mr. Sherman has announced to his associates that he is in a fair way to make arrangements with Spain that will remove the great cause of irritation in Cuba. His plan is to have the Spanish government, through Minister Taylor, a proposition that American citizens who are suspected of complicity with the insurgents shall be immediately expelled from the island without imprisonment or prosecution, unless they shall voluntarily return and place themselves in jeopardy. This will not apply, however, to persons engaged in active hostilities and who have been taken with arms.

Mr. Sherman is also proposing to negotiate with Spain by which the rights of naturalized citizens shall be defined.

Oakland Races.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—Weather at Oakland; track good. Five and a half furlongs—Fortune won, Defiance 2, Lena 3, Time, 1:11.

One mile—Lobouga won, Appian 2, Benana 3, Time, 1:42.

Seven furlongs, the Belmont handicap—Hazel won, Defiance 2, Lena 3, Time, 1:31.

Five and one-half furlongs—Mercurio won, Siegried 2, Queen Nubis 3, Time, 1:10.

Six furlongs—Hazel won, Miss Ross 2, Candor 3, Time, 1:17.

DOWN AN EMBANKMENT.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT IN INDIANA.

Engine, Baggage Car and Smoker Wrecked—Five Reported Dead And Many Wounded.

PASADENA, Ind., March 10.—One of the worst railroad wrecks that has occurred in this vicinity for many years happened today at 3 o'clock to the Pittsburg and Nashville limited southbound, over the Evansville and Terre Haute railroad, one mile north of Hazelton. The train was made up of an engine, in charge of Engineer John K. McCutcheon and Joseph Bowman, fireman, a combination baggage and mail car, smoker, ladies' coach and one sleeper. The engine went over the embankment, falling a distance of fifteen feet, into a hole in the water. The baggage car and the ladies' car and sleeper remained on the track. The engineer says he was running twenty-five miles an hour and when he approached the wreck he saw nothing but a hole in the water. The engine passed over it and went down the embankment.

Dead: George A. Seers, conductor; Joseph Bowman, fireman; three passengers, names unknown. The injured: John K. McCutcheon, engineer, bruised received by jumping; John Hauas, brakeman, horribly mangled and otherwise injured.

All the passengers in the baggage car were supposed to have been killed. Four persons besides Conductor Seers were seen in the smoker as it broke loose and rolled down the embankment and floated off in the current.

The injured baggage man, who was the only member of the train crew that escaped unhurt.

The only passenger who went down in the wreck whose identity can be traced was a traveling man representing W. B. Herbert Allen, a doorkeeper in the late Indiana legislature, who was in the wreck and was probably killed. He lives at Evansville.

A GOOD RACE SPOILED.

A YELLOW DOG MIXES WITH RICYCLES AND EDEERS.

The Big Event at San Jose Awarded to Ziegler, Who Refused to Accept.

SAN JOSE, March 10.—A little yellow dog spoiled what would have been the best contested match race ever held on the Pacific Coast here today. The match was between Otto Ziegler and F. A. McFarland, and the distance was one mile, the winner of two bets in three to take the purse of \$500 and the race.

The races were paced by toddlers and the first heat was won by Ziegler in the remarkably fast time of 2:01. The race was an exceedingly close one, only a few inches separating the riders at the finish.

The second heat fell to McFarland, who crossed the tape about three inches in front of Ziegler, and the time was 2 minutes flat.

The third heat promised to end in a beautiful race, but on the last lap a yellow dog ran out across the track just in front of the pacemaker, throwing the pacemakers and McFarland, who had the position of vantage behind the two.

Ziegler managed to pass the fallen men without striking them and kept on riding unimpeded, and finished the race in 2:08. The judges gave the match to Ziegler but the little demon of his unfortunate rival refused to have the race placed to his credit. Ziegler made a host of friends by his manly decision. The men will ride the match off next week, probably on the opening night of the three week indoor racing season, which is to open in San Francisco on March 20th, under the management of Dave Shuler. The management of the tournament has put up \$10,000 for prize, and all the crack men in the country are on their way to San Francisco.

READY TO SETTLE.

Kentucky Sues the Southern Pacific Company.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 11.—Immediately after the publication of the suit of the state against the Southern Pacific for \$137,000 the attorneys for that company wired Attorney General Taylor that they would arrive today to arrange a settlement. Judge A. F. Humphrey of the federal court representing the Southern Pacific Company, was here today in conference with the auditor and the attorney general, looking toward a settlement of the suit out of court.

WEST PARK NOTES.

A Farce to be Presented by the I.O.G.T.

An unusually interesting program has been arranged by the I.O.G.T. for their entertainment on Saturday night, the 30th instant. All are anxious to hear the farce, which those who will take part in it have been rehearsing diligently for a number of weeks. The title is "A Box of Monkeys," and it is said to be very amusing by those who have attended the rehearsals.

After a long rest the Haymakers have decided to give another of their enjoyable social dances, and have set the time for Friday of this week. The best of music will be employed and no doubt there will be a large attendance.

The fact that there were so many good things prepared for the delegates to eat at Clearwater last Saturday at the district session of the I.O.G.T. has caused those persons from West Park who did not attend to wear rather long faces ever since, especially H. W. Rhee and W. P. Bowen.

After a protracted session at Dr. Hays' sanitarium Mrs. J. E. Howell is much better, as are, among many, are pleased to note, and is able to be at home again.

H. O. Bowen is resting from his studies at the business college and will recreate on the ranch for a while.

J. W. Webb started south for Selma and other points on a business trip Monday.

Heath, who has been visiting friends here for several weeks, has gone to Hanford. A. FALLA.

A QUIET WEDDING.

R. L. Rader and Miss Rusic Martin Married Yesterday.

Robert L. Rader and Miss Rusic Martin were married yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Martin, on O Street in this city. The bride's father, who is the pastor of the Christian church, performed the ceremony. It was witnessed by only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties, and was followed by a wedding dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Rader left on the evening train for Hanford, where they will reside.

The bride and groom are both well known in this city and are very popular. The bride has taught school in Selma and is a lady of high attainments. Probably no man in Fresno has enjoyed more popularity or greater esteem than Mr. Rader. Hosts of friends will wish the happy couple a long and happy life.

TO HELP THE ORPHANS.

Baseball Game Between the "Republican" and Stockton Teams.

The lady managers of the county orphanage, at a meeting held yesterday forenoon, accepted the offer made by the Fresno Republican baseball team to donate the proceeds of a game with the Stockton league nine in this city to the treasury of the association. In fact the ladies received the generous offer very thankfully, for the houses of the orphanage are in need of funds.

The game will in all probability be played a week from next Sunday. The Stockton team is composed of professional players, and the match will be a highly interesting one. It will draw a big crowd, and the proceeds will be used for the benefit of the orphanage. No money has yet been received to the challenge.

Miss Landrum's Party.

Miss Gertrude Landrum invited a number of friends to celebrate her birthday anniversary with her on Wednesday evening at her home on Nelson avenue in the northern part of the city. The evening was pleasantly spent in games and conversation.

The guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Landrum, Mr. and Mrs. George Landrum, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hill, Mr. and Mrs. William Row, Misses V. H. Kittrell, Maggie Minard, Joe Wagner, Kate Robinson, Mrs. Hillman, Messrs. Ernest Doyle, James Puyser, Oscar Parys, Joe Landrum, George Turner and Frank Kittrell.

Woodmen of the World.

At the meeting of Maunula Camp, No. 160, last Tuesday night, forty-one new names were proposed for membership. The "amplified degree" team of Clovis camp was present, and initiated two candidates in the amplified degree. There were many other visitors present.

At 1 o'clock a sumptuous banquet was served in the hall. The tables were set for the banquet, and the members of the camp were present. Toasts were responded to by Daniel D. S. Ewing, Organizer O. W. Wheeler, J. W. Cate of Clovis Camp and A. E. Snow. Maunula camp became the largest camp in the valley, and the membership is increasing very rapidly.

At the recent trial of Ah Sam, who was indicted for the murder of a Chinese, the defense pleaded that the prosecution failed to establish the fact that it was a lottery ticket which the defendant had sold. No one had been placed on the stand to testify to the character of the ticket, which was the only manner in which the defendant's attorneys claimed, in which the ticket could be identified.

Dep. District Attorney James placed Charles Berry on the stand, who swore that he believed the ticket which Ah Sam had sold was a lottery ticket. It was practically similar to one, which the defendant had been paid money as prizes for having held a lucky ticket.

Charles W. Barrett and a man named McKay also testified that from their knowledge of Chinese they were convinced that the ticket which Ah Sam had sold was a lottery ticket. This closed the case for the prosecution.

The defendant was the only one who testified in his behalf. He swore positively that Maunula, Dankell and Harton had never bought a lottery ticket from him. He had never seen them in his store, he said.

Dep. County Clerk John Dames testified to making the arrest of Ah Sam. The attorney then began their arguments. Mr. Jones opening for the people. The deputy district attorney made a forcible argument, demanding the conviction of the defendant. The attorney for the Chinese then made the confusion of the testimony of Mr. Dankell and Mr. Harton. He was badly handicapped in a case which was otherwise a strong one, the best explanation of Mr. Dankell's contradictory statements being that it was a "mistake" on his part.

Attorneys H. C. and W. D. Tupper followed in behalf of the defendant. They were particularly severe on the *Expositor*, and dwelt with emphasis on

THE CASE OF AH SAM.

Dankell Swore One Way and Harton the Other.

THE JURY ALSO DISAGREED.

One of the "Expositor's" Stentor Becomes Badly Confused on the Stand.

Yesterday Ah Sam was tried before a jury in Justice St. John's court on a charge of selling a Chinese lottery ticket to O. E. Dankell, first assistant to ex-Senator Gough in the editorial management of the *Expositor*, and by whom the complaint against the defendant had been filed. The jury, which was composed of only nine men according to the stipulation of the attorneys upon the exhaustion of the venire, disagreed, five being acquittal and four for conviction.

The prosecution did not succeed in presenting as strong a case as was presented at Ah Sam's trial a few days ago. This was because of the ludicrous conflict of testimony given by Mr. Dankell and City Editor O. E. Harton, the *Expositor* man who initiated the prosecution of Ah Sam.

Those who composed the jury were E. F. Lecher, D. H. Williams, L. P. Povich, S. W. Kenner, Phil Scott, J. S. Bedford, John B. Rader, J. L. Granger and

